

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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STATE OFFICERS

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.—Harris and Montgomery.

SENATOR JOHN T. BRADY.—This gentleman is a native of Maryland, is forty-five years old, and has resided in Texas for twenty years. He settled in the city of Houston upon reaching Texas, commenced the practice of law, and soon married a fair, native Texan.

The life of Mr. Brady is a chapter in the history of Houston's advancement. He has been engaged in nearly all the varied public

enterprises of his community, and is at present largely interested in manufacturing and agricultural pursuits.

He was a member of the lower house of the Tenth Legislature, representing Harris county. While in that body he distinguished himself as chairman of the Committee on Finance, and took leading position as a bold and fearless debater. He was re-elected to the Eleventh Legislature, and held the position of chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements.

He was the leading spirit in the organization and establishment of the State fairs at Houston, and was president of the association for the first and second years of its existence. These fairs, inaugurated by him, are a monument to his worth and energy.

In the late election he was an independent candidate for the position of State Senator, opposing W. R. Baker, vice president of the Central Railway Company, over whom he was elected by 331 majority. Coke's majority in the same district was over 1100 votes.

Mr. Brady is one of the most indefatigable members of the Legislature. Calculating in his positions, he becomes irrepressible in his

course, and persistently reaches for ends though they prove to his disadvantage. He is an active member of committees, and especially so of those on Internal Improvements and Educational Affairs.

He is a man of fine constitution, and is possessed of a vigorous mind. Though apparently gruff in his manner, he is a kind and whole-souled gentleman, a pleasant associate, and a warm-hearted and true friend.